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FOR RELIEVING CONTRACTURES \*

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Transmitted herewith is a Certificate of Correction for U.S. Patent No. 6,942,629 issued September 13, 2005. Upon reviewing the document, the patentee noted that an omission was made by the Patent and Trademark Office, which should be corrected as follows:

Column 8, line 28, "tube" should read ---- rod ----

As to the error, the Notice of Allowability included an Examiner's Amendment which stated "In claim 8, at line 6, please replace "the inner tube" with "the inner stem rod". This correction was not made properly by the Patent and Trademark Office.

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